

REMARKS

In response to the First Office Action dated 9 March 2006, the Applicant offers the following Amendment and Remarks. Reconsideration and reevaluation of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

At page 3 of the First Office Action, the Examiner objected to Figure 5 and Figure 6. With this amendment, Applicant attaches a replacement sheet for Figure 5 as well as a replacement sheet for Figure 6. "T1" was added to Figure 5 and "T2" was added to Figure 6. Acknowledgement and acceptance of these two (2) replacement sheets is respectfully requested.

Additionally, at page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted the Election/Restriction Requirement. With this amendment, Applicant withdraws claims 19 through 22 without prejudice nor disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein. Therefore, Applicant elects the claims in Group I (claims 1 through 18 and 23 through 25, which are drawn to an apparatus for supporting an ejector head).

The Examiner noted at page 5, that claims 1 through 5, 10, and 23 through 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bromell et al. in view of Headworth. At page 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 6 through 9 and 11 through 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant amends claim 1, claim 3, claim 7, claim 10, and claim 13. Additionally, claims 2, 6, 11, 12, and 19 through 25 have been canceled without prejudice nor disclaimer as

to the subject matter contained therein. Applicant has added new claim 26 which incorporates the base frame, the x-axis frame, the z-axis frame, the sliding frame assembly that includes a sliding pad and an adapter frame, a top plate, and a motion restriction means. Applicant further points out that the currently amended claim 1 includes: a sliding frame assembly comprises a sliding layer, and an adapter frame, and wherein the sliding layer comprises a fabric so that the fabric slides on the surface of the x-axis frame.

At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted certain objections to the Specification and claims. The Specification has been amended in order to obviate these objections. Finally, it should be noted that claims 1 and 10 have also been amended so that the x-axis frame pivots in the x-axis, and the z-axis pivots in the z-axis.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims, namely claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 26 are now in a position for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or other obstacles to allowance, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned. Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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